

# The Cougar Chronicle

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## IMPORTANT DATES

Mar 11-15	Spring Break
Mar 18 -22	Stanford Testing (no visitors, please)
Mar 25	Fourth Quarter Begins
Mar 29	Good Friday Holiday
April 12	Spring Classic Dinner & Auction
April 18-20	Academic Meet for 6th-8th graders
April 22-26	Scholastic Book Fair
April 25th	Grandparent's Breakfast
April 25th	Spring Open House

## Voss' Voice

Wow, it's hard to believe that March is already here. On the other hand, I do not like cold weather, so I am definitely ready for warmer months.

Speaking of warming, things are really heating up for our **Spring Classic Dinner** with **Gene Stallings**. Check elsewhere in the newsletter for more info. I am really excited about the auction this year which will include a night sailing for two couples, a weekend getaway cabin, an autographed picture of **Emmitt Smith**, an afternoon ride with "Princess", and many, many more awesome prizes including grade created baskets. Get your tickets and come early to bid on the auction items.

Speaking of awesome, I want to commend our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders who participated and did well at the Academic Meet February 22 at Ft Worth Christian Schools. A big thank you to our students and their teachers **Nancy Havens** and **Laura Newland** as well as our parents **Kelly Chacon** and **Holly Milstead** who served as drivers and chaperons. Wow, what a team.

Don't forget to reenroll your students and take advantage of the early enrollment discount as well as the full pay discount. Also, remember the \$500 referral discount for new K-8th grade students.



Why are these people wearing funny hats? Look on page 8 for clues!



## Kindergarten and KR visited the California Pizza Kitchen



## Students of the Week

January Virtue: Determination

February Virtue: Peace



January 21st    January 28th

Hoke, Masyn  
Ndofor, Abraham  
Pettway, Morgan  
Hardin, Hayden  
Foster, Kaitlyn  
McMillon, Landon

Ndofor, Valerie  
Humphrey, Ryan  
Jones, Jackson  
Newland, Greg Alan  
Nelson, Brooks  
DeHoog, Sarah

Humphrey, Peyton  
Carlson, Averi  
Zimmerman, Bradey  
Jones, Melody  
Keller, Chloe  
Young, Landry  
February 4th

February 11th    February 18th

Marwitz, Sydney  
Ellis, Wyatt  
Kearl, Zachary  
Zimmerman, Sara  
Pounds, Paxton  
Stiles, Addyson

Carlson, Kalin  
Wilson, Landree  
Chacon, Elisa  
Simes, Abby  
McCauley, Nolan  
McKenney, Jadon

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## Music at NTCA by Haley Lokey, Music Teacher

In music class, we train our ears to hear every aspect of music. Grace is listening to classical music while training her ear.



In music class we often dissect a piece of music. In this picture, one class sight reads each note using solfege, then substitutes words to complete the sight reading piece. Solfege is what you call do-re-mi. We use that to figure out the melody, then use words to sing the song.



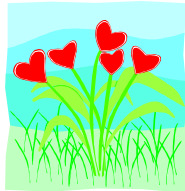
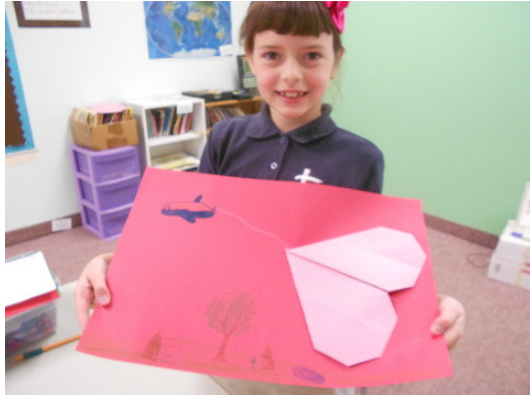
Students in music class are sight reading their music.



Students play a rhythm game in music class



## Second Grade Valentines



## Academic Meet

On February 22nd, the fourth graders and two fifth graders participated in the TCSA Academic Meet in Fort Worth. It was hosted by Ft. Worth Christian School at the Legacy Church of Christ. We had students compete in oral poetry, Oral Bible, Written Bible, Written Math, and Spelling. They worked hard for several months to prepare for the meet and did quite well! We had four Superior ratings! They all worked hard and had a great day! After the meet, we went to the Ft. Worth Museum of Science and History. They enjoyed several fun exhibits, and learned a lot about cattle drives in Texas, some physics with fun activities, and much about different forms of energy! Of course, the best part seemed to be shopping in the souvenir shop. They all were fascinated and completely wowed by the awesome show, "The Living Sea" in the Imax theater. It was a wonderful day, and the students were a great group to participate and travel with. Congratulations to them on the awesome work!

Trinity, Elisa, Zach, Morgan, Jodee, Jackson, and Bradey



First Grade with their food pantry donations, as well as the blankets made for the SPCA



## Middle School News: Student reporters are out and about at NTCA

### Poetry Contest by Melody Jones

In the month of March, the Middle School is hosting the first ever NTCA Poetry Contest! Grades K-8<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to submit their poetry to Mrs. Foster by April 1, 2013. The submissions can be about any subject you choose! The only stipulations are the poetry must consist of three stanzas, be written by the student, and be appropriate for all ages. There will be a winner from each grade and the winners will receive an invitation to an ice cream social hosted by the Middle School. Winners will also be published in the Cougar Chronicle, and will be announced during the last chapel of April. It should be a fun way to use writing skills while creating something special.

### Nursing Home Visit by Schelby Sheffey

NTCA's students have spent free time in class on Fridays practicing songs and hymns to sing at a local nursing home in McKinney. Redbud Center of McKinney residents were visited by the middle school early in February. The students also made cards for the residents with their artistic abilities to brighten someone's day.



While at the nursing home, the students sang several songs, and then gave their cards to the residents. The residents were so excited to have the students visit with them. It was a great experience for both parties. The students went and spoke with the

residents asking them how their day was, and making conversation. The nursing home visit was another fun activity for Wednesday Service days. The teachers have certainly made this a fun year by providing the students with activities where they can serve.

### Muffins for Moms by Melody Jones

"Muffins for Moms" was an event for the preschool, KR, and Kindergarten classes and their moms. The students arrived at NTCA at 8:00 A.M, and were served by the seventh and eighth grade students. The students served them three different flavors of muffins, chocolate chip, cranberry, and blueberry. Blueberry was by far the favorite of the flavors. Two of the Middle School boys served juice to everyone. Overall the "muffins for Moms" event was a very sweet treat for Moms and their children. Hopefully the moms left feeling appreciated and loved. We love our Moms!

### Vega Elementary Fluency Friends by Peter Evans and Hayden Hardin

The middle school students have been going to Vega Elementary School in McKinney, Texas for the past few Wednesdays to read books with some of their second grade students. The students are each assigned a group of three to four students to work with at tables. Each group has a reader's theater book to read with the group. The students read the book with the second graders for fifteen minutes. Then they get a chance to perform the play together as a group. Finally, they



evaluate how they read as a group. The middle school students know how important it is for these students to learn how to read well. They know that God wants people to be good readers so we can learn and grow. Maybe by helping these students learn to read they will become great authors one day like Mark Twain, or Helen Keller. The next time the students go to the school they will be using props in their performance time. The service activity has been a lot of fun. The students can't wait to go back every week.



## More Middle School News

### 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade Academic Meet

by Wylie Eicher

On Friday, February 22, 2013, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students from NTCA competed in the annual academic meet in Fort Worth, Texas. The students did their best regarding the meet. Elisa Chacon did oral poetry, Morgan Pettway did oral Bible and written Bible, Zach Kearn did math and oral Bible, Jackson Jones did Math and Spelling, Bradey Zimmerman did oral poetry and spelling, Jodee Newland did oral poetry, and Trinity Cristina did written math. All the students did a wonderful job. Four of our students received a superior rating for their events, Jackson Jones in spelling, Elisa Chacon and Bradey Zimmerman in oral poetry and Morgan Pettway in oral Bible. We are very proud of the students who participated in the meet. After the meet the students went to the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History. They went to the I-Max Theater while being there. It was showing "The Living Seas", and they said it was awesome! It was a great trip, and they did a great job!

### Donuts for Dads

Written by Erika Miesen

Donuts for Dads is something that every Dad has been looking forward to for a long time. Three sixth graders, Lexie, Erika, and Wylie, helped serve the donuts. Here is an interview with Lexie:



Erika: Did you enjoy it?

Lexie: Yes, it was fun.

Erika: Did you get to eat any donuts?

Lexie: Yes I did, they were delicious.

Erika: What was your favorite part of it?

Lexie: The little kids and the donuts.

Erika: Thank you for your time.

Lexie: You're welcome!

## Kindergarten & KR on Dr. Suess' Birthday



It's time to enroll  
for the 2013-2014  
school year!

Tell your friends  
about the great  
education offered at  
NTCA!



## 4H News

4-H met on Wednesday February 27, 2013. We baked cookies for a family that had a significant loss in their lives. The Collin County 4-H Photography Contest is this week. We are excited about the upcoming Spring in the 4-H world.



## News from Preschool

Preschool has had a very busy month. We had Donuts for Dads and Dr. Suess' birthday. We are learning our letters and numbers. We learned all about dinosaurs and hearts for Valentine's Day. We had our Valentine's Day party and had so much fun. We are learning and playing in preschool. We learned that we could pray anywhere, even in the bathtub!!!



## All about Art Classes

by Mandi Carlson, Art Teacher

Down in the Art Room we have been working on many new and exciting Art Projects. The 3rd through the 8th grade classes are working on their Optical Illusions using lines and shading. The students have been doing an amazing job and are so proud of their hard work. Also these classes as well as K-2nd are working on their Doodle for Google. The theme for this year is "My Best Day Ever...". It is amazing how the students have really understood this and they have made some really original artwork and they look so awesome. The artwork and permission forms have now been mailed off to be judged.

1st and 2nd grade have worked on "Our Family Portraits" and "Cats on a Brick Wall". I love seeing what their family looks like through their eyes.

Kindergarten and KR are working on "Rainbow Mosaics" and "Watercolor Cats".

Come by and take a look at the board in the front lobby where we are showcasing some amazing art!!





## In the Classrooms



**Kindergarten Readiness** had a very busy February. We celebrated Dr. Seuss' Birthday and went on an awesome field trip to the California Pizza Kitchen. The field trip included a tour, making our very own pizza from scratch and a bus ride!! We had a great trip!! We celebrated Dr. Seuss' Birthday by having guest readers, a parade, making green eggs and ham, making oobleck, a cat's tail, and so much more!! KR has finished learning all of our letters and sounds, so we are off to the races to begin reading!! Woohoo!!

**Kindergarten** has been busy this month learning many new reading rules, doing reading homework and groups. We have learned so much that Mrs. Hart is so proud of us and our great reading! In math we are finishing up a 3D shape unit and in science we have been learning about space. We have learned all the planets and other objects in the solar system. We also enjoyed a super field trip to the California Pizza kitchen with KR. We made our own pizzas and even walked into a huge frig! We also celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday and had a fun dress up day. Most of us ate green eggs and ham too. :) We are looking forward to spring break and the end of the year activities.

**First Grade** had a very busy February. We took a bunch of canned food to the High Pointe food pantry. Even Mr. Voss had to help us transport the numerous cans of food. It was exciting to see all of the donated food piled high on the table in the pantry. Thank you to Kathy Owens (Brennan's mom) for organizing the food collection at her work. We have also been busy creating fleece blankets to donate to the SPCA. The children have done a fabulous job of cutting the fleece and tying knots in the fringe around the edge of the blankets. So far, we have completed 5 small blankets, and are working to finish another large blanket. We plan to deliver them to the SPCA sometime next month. We also enjoyed celebrating Valentine's Day with a class party. We had a blast playing games, making a craft, decorating cookies, and eating treats. February was a short month, but the first graders packed it full of activities!

**Second Grade** read The Ballad of Valentine by Alison Jackson on Valentine's Day. This is a story of a man who makes several humorous attempts to deliver his Valentines in a creative and unusual way. We then made our own Valentines and thought of ideas for unusual ways in which they could be delivered. These ideas included: dropping a Valentine from an airplane, sending it on an ocean wave, and dragging it behind a "love boat" and sending it to the fish in the sea. This month we have been learning about two of our most famous Presidents: George Washington and Abra-

ham Lincoln. We learned about their childhoods, how they both became Presidents, their interests, and we even got to see pictures from the insides of their houses! We also learned that George Washington's favorite breakfast was hoecakes and Abraham Lincoln grew whiskers because of a letter he got from a little girl.

In Math we are starting a unit on gathering and recording data. We will be gathering data about our school's favorite things, sorting them into categories and representing them with graphs and pictures. We cannot wait to see what we find!

**Third Graders** have enjoyed serving this month by making cards for people in the hospital and picking up trash around the building. They surprisingly loved that one! We also have taken clothes to the clothes closet and a few students gave up recess in order to sweep and help organize the portable for the clothes closet customers. We are completing our Science unit on plants. We know more now about their parts, functions, and classifications. We have also learned about their cycles and needs. In math, the students have been investigating perimeter and area. Each student can now tell you the perimeter and area of their own foot. We continue to learn about early American life through the reading of Little House in the Big Woods and look forward to all the exciting things to come in March!

**Fourth Graders** have been studying pioneer times in social studies and reading. They have studied about Texas being a Republic, becoming a state, settling the land, trying to deal with the Indians, fighting the Civil War, and ranching and cattle drives. At the same time they have read about the Ingalls's adventures as they moved into Indian Territory (Kansas) in Little House on the Prairie. The students are becoming quite aware of how different life was for the children and adults, back in the 1870s. The students have really progressed in math, becoming quite proficient at multiplying and dividing by two digit numbers, learning how to form equivalent fractions, find the fraction of a number, and add fractions to total one, and compare fractions on a big number line. They are just starting to learn about decimals and how they relate to the fractions. The students have prayed for and written several cards for those in need. They enjoyed taking Valentine cards, along with third grade, to the home where Mr. Voss's mother lives. They sang beautiful hymns for the residents and visited with them. The class had a fun time at their Valentine Party with third grade. Thanks to all the parents for the treats, decorations, great food and drink, a fun Jingo game, and great Valentine cards!





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We **love** God and our relationship with Him.

We **learn** so that we can be better at whatever God has planned for us.

We **live** our lives, sharing our faith and knowledge with others.

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- ⇒ Scan your Albertsons Community Partners card when shopping
- ⇒ Collect Box Tops for Education.
- ⇒ Use your Target REDcard
- ⇒ Attend NTCA Day at the Hwy 380 Chick-fil-A on April 3rd.

## Mission Statement

NTCA is committed to preparing students for life and faith through a superior spiritual, scholastic, and social experience.



NTCA Middle School students at Vega Elementary for the Fluency Friends service project.

# REGISTRATION

PLEASE PRINT

FIRST & LAST NAME

ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

DAYTIME PHONE

E-MAIL

## NUMBER OF TICKETS

(CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

☐ \$45 per person

☐ \$150 - 4 pack

☐ \$275 for table of 8

TOTAL

QUANTITY

## PAYMENT METHOD

☐ CHECK ☐ VISA ☐ MC

CARD #

EXP. DATE  
CSV

NAME AS IT APPEARS ON CARD

SIGNATURE

## AUTHORIZATION

# Gene Stallings

Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup>

6:30pm at NTCA

Our Special Evening Event Kicks Off

At

6:30pm

with a

Meet & Greet

followed by



technology service professionals



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